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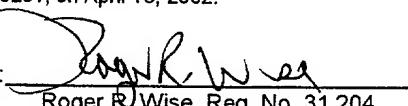
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, Filing Date Granted," dated February 21, 2002, response to which is due April 21, 2002, enclosed are the following:

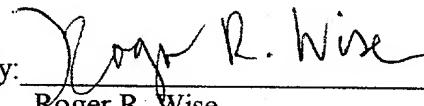
- A copy of the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted".
- A "Declaration and Power of Attorney" executed by the inventor(s).
- An "Assignment" document executed by the inventor(s), along with an Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet and a check in the amount of \$40.00.
- A check in the amount of \$370.00 to cover the filing fee.
- A check in the amount of \$909.00 to cover the fee for 101 additional claims in excess of twenty.

- X A check in the amount of \$126.00 to cover the fee for three (3) independent claims.
- X A check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the surcharge.
- X Eighteen (18) sheets of informal drawings with appropriate margins.
- X A certified copy of the British patent application No. 0127397 filed November 15, 2001 from which priority is claimed under 35 USC § 119 and rule 55.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in payment or credit any overpayment in connection with this matter to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1035.
 - \$909 for 101 total claims over 20.
 - \$126 for 3 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1470.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. 88888

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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